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"the statement that is often made, that consumption is rife among the tenement dwellers in New York, cannot be substantiated," we return to the valuable articles in the second volume of De Forest and Veiller's now famous *Tenement House Problem* and wonder what is meant by "substantiation."

None of us has enjoyed the thought of wearing what Parson Lot long ago called "cheap and nasty clothes," and we should rejoice to believe that the "dishonorable trade of the show-shops and slop-shops," which has been the misery of the poor since Kingsley's day, had disappeared. We shall be glad to have a corroboration of Mr. Pope's encouraging report when the next testimony on homework and tenement conditions shall be taken, for without that corroboration his opinion will remain unconvincing.

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*Economic Geology of the United States.* By HEINRICH RIES, A.M., Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Economic Geology at Cornell University. New York: The Macmillan Co., 1905. 8vo, pp. xxi+435.

This publication, which is designed as a text for college courses, and which covers the subject-matter offered in the elementary course in economic geology at Cornell University, is of interest to the economist as well as to the geologist. It contains a thorough and accurate description of the mineral resources which form the basis of a considerable part of the industrial development of this country. In his treatment of subjects the author gives the non-metallic mineral deposits preference over the metallic, for the reason that the former are of greater importance commercially than the latter. The book has many well-selected maps and plates and an excellent bibliography.

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*The Elements of Business Law.* By ERNEST W. HUFFCUT, Dean of the Cornell University College of Law. Boston, New York, Chicago, London: Ginn & Co., 1905. 8vo, pp. xiv+329.

An addition to the numerous elementary texts upon commercial law is to be justified only by a contribution to pedagogic methods in

treatment of the subjects. Professor Huffcut, in his *Elements of Business Law*, makes such a contribution. The characteristic feature of his book is the presentation of a large number of examples and problems based upon cases decided by the courts. After clearly and concisely stating the fundamental principles of a topic, the author gives a number of examples showing the application of the principles to business transactions. The problems at the end of each chapter are designed to arouse interest, and develop intelligent reasoning and thinking. The book contains a number of judiciously selected legal forms. It would be improved by citations of the authorities for the cases presented.

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*Family Monographs.* By ELSA G. HERZFELD. With a Preface by ELSIE CLEWS PARSONS. New York: James Kempster Co., 1905. 8vo, pp. 150.

These monographs furnish a detailed history of twenty-four families living in the middle West Side of New York City, by a settlement worker who is, at the same time, a trained sociological student. As Dr. Parsons explains in her preface, Miss Herzfeld's investigation is an application of La Play's monograph method to the study of the family, and it is encouraging to find a social worker making of the results of her experiences a really useful collection of social data, instead of a vaguely general or sentimental description of tenement-house life. It should be added that the book is one that the general reader will enjoy; for interest has not been sacrificed to scientific colorfulness, and humor and pathos are alike to be found here.

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## NEW PUBLICATIONS

### BOOKS RECEIVED

Anonymous. A Practical Programme for Workingmen. London: Sonnenschein, 1906. 8vo, pp. xiv+227. 2s. 6d. net.

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Bérard, M. Victor. British Imperialism and Commercial Supremacy.

Translated by H. W. Foskett. London: Longmans, 1906. 8vo, pp. x+298.

Bowley, Arthur L. England's Foreign Trade in the Nineteenth Century: Its Economic and Social Results. [Revised edition.] London: Sonnenschein, 1905. 12mo, pp. x+165.

Bowman, George Ernest. Vital Records of the Town of Halifax, Massachusetts, to the End of the